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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MILITARY REDUCTIONS AND ARMS REQUESTS

REF: TAIPEI 0313

1. I APPRECIATED RECEIVING YOUR THOUGHTS REFTEL. IN THE PAST, WE HAVE SPECIALLY NOTIFIED CCK OF DRAW-DOWNS WHEN ENTIRE UNITS OR FACILITIES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE WERE MOVED (E.G. THE F-4S, SHULINKOU), AS OPPOSED TO SMALLER SCALE CONTRACTIONS. THE CUTBACK CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, WHICH WOULD BE FROM THE PRESENT 1150 TO ABOUT 660 BY AUGUST FIRST, PROBABLY WOULD NOT ENTAIL WITHDRAWAL OF ENTIRE UNITS, CERTAINLY NOT OF MAJOR ONES. AT THE MOMENT, I THINK IT MAY BE BEST JUST TO LET THESE THINGS TAKE PLACE AND NOT CALL SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO THEM, BUT WE WILL KEEP YOUR RECOMMENDATION
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IN MIND AND REVIEW THE QUESTION WITH YOU WHEN WE ARE READY TO PROCEED.

2. MY CAUTIOUS REACTION TO YOUR SUGGESTION STEMS PARTLY FROM THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOT--AND WILL NOT BE--IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS OUR ARMS TRANSFER POLICY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVENESS AND DETAIL CCK PROBABLY

WOULD WANT. THE MILITARY EQUIPMENT REVIEW, WHICH I

HOPE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, WILL
FOCUS ON A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ROC REQUESTS, BUT
THE PROCESS OF REACHING AGREEMENT HERE AND OBTAINING
POLICY APPROVALS IS GOING TO BE SLOW AND CUMBERSOME.
THE ADMINISTRATION'S ARMS TRANSFER POLICY PROBABLY
WILL ALSO MEAN SOME STRETCH OUT IN TIME DUE TO
CEILING CONSIDERATIONS. IN ANY EVENT, NO FINAL
DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON POST-NORMALIZATION
ARMS TRANSFER POLICY SO THAT SUBJECT WOULD HAVE TO
BE AVOIDED FOR THE TIME BEING. CHRISTOPHER

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